

MEMORANDUM

January 7, 2003

TO: Tubby Harrison
FROM: John Sewell
RE: State of State

Tubby, attached is the latest draft of the state of the state speech (as of 5pm, 1/7/03).

A couple of questions we need some feedback on:

- We still need to talk about our comprehensive plan, a plan for education and improving the quality of life in Mississippi; an 8-year plan without actually saying that; and how to weave this plan into the projection, the theme and the thought for the speech.
- The paragraph on page 2 re: thanking students and teachers for building computers – is it worthy to say that the product of our schools are good, or do we get in trouble by omitting students and teachers who didn't work on the computers?
- The mantra of “good schools, good jobs, good communities” – there are some who feel it should be “better schools, better jobs, better communities” because the other implies that we're satisfied with just being good. Thoughts?

You can reach me at my desk at 601-359-2916, or on cell at 601-942-7698.

Many thanks.